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FIG. 11 is a schematic cross sectional view of the seventh embodiment of photovoltaic module 400 according to the invention, which is a thin film type photovoltaic module. Note, however, that the following description is mostly also applicable to the above described first through fourth embodiments. Referring [t] to FIG. 11, a plurality of thin film type photovoltaic cells 402 are arranged on the rear surface of front glass cover 401 operating as transparent substrate and connected in series and/or in parallel by a rear surface electrode 403. The rear surface electrode 403 is by turn connected to an output lead-out wire 404, which is typically made of metal foil.

**In the Claims**

1. (Amended) A photovoltaic module comprising a substrate, a semiconductor layer arranged on one of the principal surfaces of the substrate, divided into a plurality of sections and sealed by [a] an encapsulation material, [characterized in that] wherein said encapsulation material is arranged on said principal surface of the substrate without its end face projecting outwardly beyond [the] an end face of the substrate, and wherein the end face of the encapsulation material defines a first slope, and the end face of the substrate defines a second slope parallel to the first slope.

4. (Amended) A photovoltaic module comprising:  
a transparent insulating substrate[:];  
photovoltaic cells formed by sequentially laying a transparent electrode layer, a semiconductor photoelectric conversion layer and rear electrode layer; and  
a sealing member for sealing the rear surface of said photovoltaic cells;